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## **BOWIE COUPLE SENTENCED FOR BANK FRAUD**

(Sherman, Texas) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that **SHERMAN CLAY EDWARDS**, 54, and **MARILYN ANN EDWARDS**, 52, a couple from Bowie, were sentenced by United States District Judge Ron Clark. Sherman Edwards was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment and Marilyn Edwards was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment, for their roles in a conspiracy to commit bank fraud. They were also ordered to pay \$217,187 in restitution.

According to information presented in court, Mr. Edwards stole checks intended for his employer and had Ms. Edwards, then an employee of Northwest Bank, deposit the checks into their personal bank accounts. Ms. Edwards forged the initials of other bank officials to enable the checks to be processed. Between early 2002 and late 2004, the couple stole over \$200,000.

Matthew D. Orwig, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, was pleased with the sentence, "This couple committed financial crimes against both a private employer and a public banking institution. They deserve every day of this sentence."

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Shamoil Shipchandler.

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